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50% private hospital beds reserved for COVID patients

▶ To face a worst case scenario, 75 percent of beds will be set aside ▶ 1,445 beds available in 44 private hospitals under 50 percent quota; 2,315 beds available under 75 percent rule

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Bagadi Gautham speaks at a meeting with the managements of private hospitals as** (from left) **District Health and Family Welfare Officer Dr. Ravi, Zilla Panchayat (ZP) CEO A.M. Yogesh and District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. K.H. Prasad look on.

Mysuru, Jan. 16 (MTY&BCT)- As COVID cases continue to surge, the Mysuru District Administration has asked all private hospitals or nursing homes to reserve at least 50 percent of the beds for COVID-19 patients. It is expected that the number of infected persons may be much higher than the infections witnessed during the second peak in April/ May 2021.

On Saturday, Jan. 15, Mysuru reported 729 cases and Mysuru city alone registered 567 cases and Mysuru taluk accounted for 44 cases. On Friday, Jan. 14, 803 cases were reported and in all, there are 3,967 active cases in the district of which 3,095 are in the city alone followed by 232 cases in Mysuru taluk. 8,710 tests were conducted on Saturday of which 729 turned out to be positive and the positivity rate stands at 8.37 percent.

A meeting was held at the Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Hall on Friday with the managements of private hospitals that was chaired by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Bagadi Gautham where the bed availability for adults and children was discussed. ZP Chief Executive Officer (CEO) A.M. Yogesh, District Health Officer Dr. K.H. Prasad, District Health and Family Welfare Officer Dr. Ravi and doctors representing various hospitals were present.

Private Hospitals were told to keep 75 percent beds to face a worst case scenario. Administration sources said that the private hospitals were willing to cooperate to face the pandemic along with the Government.

(See HOSPITAL on page 6)

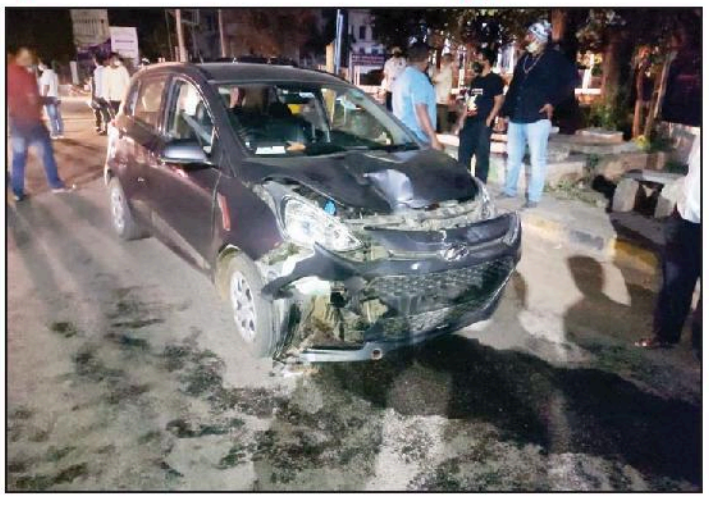
'Suspend outpatient treatment for 15 days'

Bengaluru, Jan. 16- All hospitals in the State have been asked not to provide 'out-patient care/ elective case, including dental patients' to patients with mild symptoms for the next two weeks or till further orders to prevent crowding and the spread of COVID-19.

Principal Secretary of Health and Family Welfare Department T.K. Anil Kumar has issued an official public notification to the hospitals/ super-speciality hospitals or autonomous institutions that only sick and patients requiring emergency care may be permitted to visit in view of the prevailing COVID-19 situation.

Triple riding on bike turns fatal for youth

Two injured; they were not wearing helmets



Mysuru, Jan. 16 (MTY&BCT)- A 22-year-old youth lost his life in a bike-car collision near Kukkarahalli Lake last night. Three youths were riding triple on a high-end bike and according to the Police and eye-witnesses, the bike was moving at a great speed and all the three were not wearing helmets.

The incident occurred on the Kukkarahalli Main Road near Thippaiah Circle (a few metres from the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing - AIISH) at around 7.30 pm. Abhilash, a native of Benchahalli near Nanjangud, Harsha, a resident of Paduvarahalli and a native of Belagavi and Rakshit, a native of Madikeri and a resident of Saraswathipuram were returning after having dinner at a friend's place in Bogadi.

Police said that all the three youths were working at a vehicle showroom and they were on the bike (KA-12-U-0162) owned by Rakshit. As yesterday was the weekend curfew, the showroom was closed for two days and the friends planned a get-together at another friend's place at Bogadi.

(See BIKE on page 6)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 16th January 2022

PM Modi calls startups "backbone" of new India

Declares Jan. 16 as 'National Startup Day'

New Delhi, Jan. 16- The country will celebrate January 16 as National Startup Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi told a virtual gathering of over 150 entrepreneurs yesterday as he termed startups as the "backbone" of new India and the engine that will power the nation's economic growth in the run up to the 100th year of Independence.

The current decade, Modi said, is being referred to as the "techade" of India and his Government will usher in massive changes to strengthen innovation, entrepreneurship and the startup ecosystem.

"The first is to liberate entrepreneurship and innovation from the web of Government processes, bureaucratic silos. Second, is creating an institutional mechanism to promote innovation. And third, is handholding young innovators and young enterprises," the Prime Minister said at the event, a part of the *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav*.

Pointing out that the number of startups in India had grown to over 60,000 from less than 500 just five years ago, Modi said these ventures are working across nearly 55 industry sectors and are "changing the rules of the game."

"I believe the golden era of India's startups is starting now," the PM said as the country is "rapidly moving towards hitting a century of unicorns," which are the hallmark of self-reliant and self-confident India.

Noting that 42 unicorns — startups valued at over $ 1 billion — came up in India last year, the PM said this is stoking an exponential rise in innovation. In 2021, India granted 28,000 patents compared to 4,000 in 2013-14, while 2.5 lakh trademarks were registered in 2020-21 compared to 70,000 in 2013-14, a Govt. statement revealed.

Meanwhile, the country's ranking in the Global Innovation Index has moved to 46 from 81.

Unicorns and startups are messengers of India's diversity, a keystone of the country's global identity, according to Modi who exhorted startup founders to not "keep your dreams local, make them global. Remember this mantra — let's Innovate for India, innovate from India."

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The ongoing surge in infections is happening in a context that has important differences when compared to the second wave. Around 65% of the adult population is fully vaccinated and over 8 million children in the 15-18 age group have been administered a single dose. Moreover, we have the benefit of observing the trajectory of the Omicron variant in other countries. The combined impact of these differences calls for a more sophisticated approach by State Governments. Resorting to partial curfews and lockdowns will impose a disproportionate cost on the most economically vulnerable segments and not really curb infections.

The primary aim for Governments is to ensure that the healthcare infrastructure doesn't get overwhelmed. When seen in this context, Maharashtra's approach makes sense. Media reports indicate the State is inclined to use COVID bed vacancy as a measure to choose policy options. A smarter approach along with tighter enforcement of masking rules and capacity restrictions in public spaces will help States strike a fine balance between controlling the spread of infections and limiting its economic fallout. India can neither afford to let its healthcare infrastructure collapse nor impose lockdowns. The current surge needs to be managed by a smarter set of tools.

—In The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Fugitive arrested after spotted on google maps

Galapagar: A convicted Italian mafia member who has been on the run for almost two decades was recently arrested after being spotted by chance on Google Maps in a small Spanish town.

Gioacchino Gammino, a convicted murderer listed among Italy's most wanted gangsters, had been on the run for nearly 20 years when he was arrested in Galapagar, a town near Madrid, last month.

He had escaped Rome's Rebibbia jail in 2002 and in 2003 he had been sentenced to life in prison for a murder committed years earlier. A European arrest warrant was issued in 2014 and authorities had managed to track Gammino to Spain, but it was a Google Maps screenshot of two men chatting outside a fruit and vegetable shop that helped Police confirm his exact location and make the arrest.

Thief cooks in middle of burglary, arrested

Guwahati: A hungry burglar, who stopped to cook khichdi in the middle of a break-in and was soon arrested for his folly. Assam Police took to Twitter on Tuesday to share details of the incident, revealing that the thief was arrested by police in Guwahati.

The thief broke into a house in Guwahati's Hengerabari area while the homeowners were away. Neighbours, however, were alerted to his presence when he started cooking khichdi and they heard noises from the kitchen. Knowing that the owners were away, neighbours caught the burglar and handed him over to the cops.

The burglar has been arrested and Guwahati Police is serving him some hot meals.

HEALTH CAPSULE

What happens when the immune system is weak?

People with a weak immune system have a higher risk of getting infections frequently and developing more severe symptoms of viral and bacterial diseases. Bacteria and viruses can have a damaging effect on a person with a weak immune system. Seek medical attention if you seem to be falling sick often, like frequently catching a cold or flu.

By Kavya J - Department of Nutrition & Dietetics
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Parliament Budget Session to begin on Jan. 31

Budget presentation on Feb.1

New Delhi, Jan. 16 (UNI)- The upcoming Budget Session of Parliament will begin on Jan. 31 and conclude on April 8 as per the recommendation of the Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs, sources said on Friday.

The President will address both Houses of Parliament at a Joint Session at 11 am on the first day.

According to the recommendation, the Economic Survey will be presented on Jan. 31 and the Union Budget for 2022-23 will be presented on Feb. 1, sources said.

There will be no sitting on March 18 on account of *Holi*.

The Union Budget for 2022-23 will be laid in the Rajya Sabha after its presentation in Lok Sabha, the sources said.

The first part of the Budget Session, which will begin on Jan. 31, will conclude on Feb. 11. The second part will start after an over a month recess of both Houses, when they reassemble on March 14.

The Budget Session will conclude on April 8, the sources added. The entire schedule of the Budget Session has been conveyed to the President for approval, sources said.

REALLY...?

- ***The word "dessert" originates from a French word "desservir", which means "to clear the table" and is thus, served after the main course in most of the countries, including US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Ireland. However "pudding" is commonly used in the country of United Kingdom. This one is amongst the most uncommon known facts about desserts.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A fortune teller asks a woman: *"So, you came to know your husband's future?"*

Woman: *"No way, tell me about his past, then I'll decide about his future!!"*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.16
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.46
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.19
1 Euro	= Rs. 84.66

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	JANUARY 14	JANUARY 15
Day's Positive Cases	803	729
Total Positive Cases	1,84,223	1,84,952
Day's Discharges	160	223
Total Discharges	1,78,328	1,78,551
Day's Deaths	2	1
Total Deaths	2,433	2,434
Total Active Cases	3462	3,967

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Change in vaccination date: Beneficiary in a quandary

Sir,

I am a 61-year-old retired person. I took my first dose of Covishield vaccine at the District Hospital in Metagalli on 30.3.2021 and I got the certificate also.

On 30.4.2021, I took my second dose at the same hospital but I could not download the certificate from the CoWIN app.

After some days I started getting messages stating that the second dose is due on such a date. I ignored it as I have already taken the vaccination.

On August 12, I visited the District Hospital for enquiry about 2nd dose certificate. They told me that my Aadhaar card number was wrongly entered in the computer and hence I was not getting the certificate.

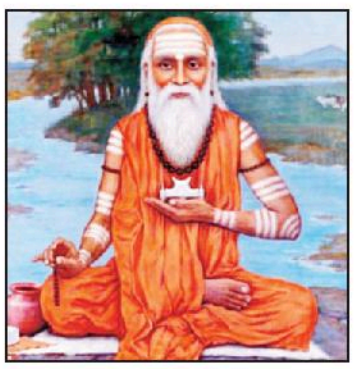
So they changed my second dose date as 12.8.2021 in the computer, that is 4 months later date. Now, the question is as to which date I have to follow for my booster dose. Will the concerned from the Health Department help me out?

—H.G. Srikant

K.M. Puram
10.1.2022

Suttur Jatra Mahotsav to be held symbolically on Jan. 29 and 30

No entry for public



Mysuru, Jan. 16- Owing to rising COVID cases and heightened restrictions by the Government to contain the spread of the virus, JSS Mahavidyapeetha has decided to celebrate annual Suttur Jatra Mahotsav symbolically on Jan. 29 and 30. However, there will be no entry for devotees or the public to visit the Suttur Srikshethra or participate in it during these days.

All other events like Rathotsava, Theppotsava, Mass Marriage, Exhibition, Krishi Mela, Wrestling Contest, Cultural Events and Other Competitions have been cancelled.

Jatra was scheduled to be held between Jan. 28 and Feb. 2.

Mahavidyapeetha has, in a press release, stated that devotees and the public may log on to ***http://Youtube.com/c/JSSMahavidyapeethaonline*** OR ***https://www.facebook.com/JSSMVP*** to watch the symbolic celebration on the evening of Jan. 29 and Jan. 30.

Power disruption on Jan. 17, 18

Mysuru, Jan. 16- As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up emergency maintenance works at 66/11KV Bannimantap Power Disruption Centre's 11 KV Siddalingapura/ Naganahalli IP feeder line, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow (Jan. 17) between 10 am and 5.30 pm in the following areas: Siddalingapura, K.R. Mill Colony, Naganahalli, Lakshmipura, Kalasthavadi and surrounding areas.

On Jan. 18: As CESC will take up third quarterly maintenance work at 66/11 KV Bannimantap Power Distribution Centre and Doddakere Maidan Power Distribution Centre, power supply will be disrupted on Jan. 18 from 10 am to 5 pm in the following areas:

Siddiqnagar, Sri Shivarathreeshwaranagar, Columbia Asia Hospital, Hanumantanagar, HUDCO 'C' Layout, KSRTC Layout, Industrial 'B' Layout, Highway Circle, areas around *Star of Mysore*, Farah Compound and Cauverynagar, Belavatta, Sadanahalli, Siddalingapura, K.R. Mill, Naganahalli, Lakshmipura, Kalasthavadi, Bengaluru-Mysuru Road, Subhashnagar, Kesare 1st & 2nd Stage and surrounding areas.

Ramanuja Road, Hosabandikeri, JSS Hospital, Agrahara, Basaveshwara Road, Chamundipuram, Sub-Urban Bus Stand, Nazarbad, Ittigegud, areas around Zoo, Government Guest House and surrounding areas, Taluk Office, D. Devaraj Urs Road, B.N. Road, Chamundi Hill, Siddarathanagar, areas around Alanahalli, Giridarshini Layout, around Palace, Sriharsha Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, Irwin Road and surroundings, Dhanvantri Road and areas around Shivarampet, according to a press release from the Executive Engineer, CESC, N.R. Mohalla Division.

Syed Issac's Kannada library to be inaugurated on Jan. 26

As authorities fail to keep up promise, Syed rebuilds his burnt library using donations

File photo

Mysuru, Jan. 16 (KS)- The Kannada library of Syed Issac at Rajivnagar 5th Cross, which was burnt down in the wee hours of Apr. 9, 2021, will be inaugurated by school students during Republic Day celebrations on Jan. 26.

Syed Issac, a senior citizen, had built the library with zinc sheet roof at the corner of a playground in Rajivnagar and was running the library for the benefit of public since 11 years. But unfortunately, the library got burnt down. Later, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha handed over a cheque for Rs. 50,000 to rebuild the library and the then Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Shilpa Nag, who visited the spot, had said that MCC, MUDA and Department of Public Libraries have decided to rebuild the library of Syed which will be led by a Library Committee headed by the Mayor. The MUDA had given its consent to allot a site and the building was to be constructed using the donations (financial help) given by individuals, organisations and others to Syed and also utilise the donations to be given by many in future.

A separate bank account was also opened (Account No: 40137132558- State Bank of India, Mysore Medical College Branch. IFSC Code: SBIN0040875) to receive financial help. The account holders are MCC Commissioner, MUDA Commissioner and Deputy Director of the City Central Library, Department of Public Libraries.

But as the authorities concerned failed to take up the library construction, Syed, using Rs. 4 lakh donations given by District Minister S.T. Somashekar, MP Pratap Simha, MLA Zameer Khan, has rebuilt library shed using zinc sheets and has arranged the books which was available with him and the same will be inaugurated by the students on Jan. 26. Syed can be contacted on Mob: 99012-66487.

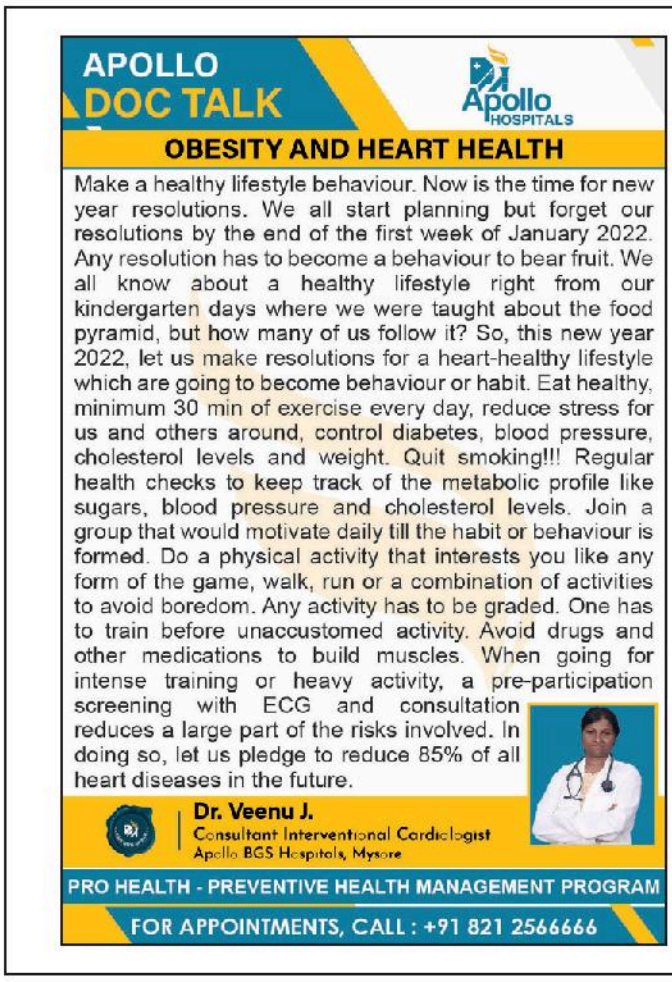
Digital Moonlight Music tomorrow

Vid. Sampath Kumar

Mysuru, Jan. 16- As part of the 238th edition of monthly moonlight music programme of Suttur Mutt, Vid. R.N. Sampath Kumar will present a Vocal Concert (Digital) from Suttur Shaka Mutt in city at 6 pm on Jan. 17. Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion.

He will be accompanied by **Vidu. C.V. Shruthi** on violin and **Vid. A. Radhesh** on mridanga.

The digital music concert can be accessed through the following links: ***http://Youtube.com/c/JSSMahavidyapeethaonline*** OR ***https://www.facebook.com/JSSMVP***, according to a press release.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NEWS BRIEFS

Sahaja Ranga Theatre Camp

'Sahaja Ranga 2021-22,' a theatre camp for college students, has been organised by Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru, in association with Hasiru Foundation, Bengaluru, at Gandhi Bhavan in Manasagangotri from Jan. 17 to Feb. 13. The camp will be inaugurated tomorrow at 6 pm in the presence of KAS Officer Dr. D.B. Natesh, Centre for Gandhian Studies Director Prof. M.S. Shekar, senior theatre artiste Indira Nair, Hasiru Foundation's Honnalli Gangadhar and Niranthara's Prasad Kundoor.

Hoysala Sangha President resigns

The newly elected President of Hoysala Karnataka Sangha, Mysuru, K.R. Satyanarayana has resigned from the post due to personal reasons. Hence, Sangha Vice-President H.R. Sundareshan has taken charge as the President, according to a press release from Sangha Hon. Secretary P. Srinidhi.

Election to Co-op. Society

Pragathi Co-operative Society Ltd., Vidyaranyapuram, Mysuru, will be holding the election of its Administrative Board for a five-year term on Jan. 23 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Society premises. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2954138 or Mob: 94820-49571, according to a press release from the society CEO.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
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Inflow	:	927 cusecs
Outflow	:	3,512 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,282.94 feet
Inflow	:	262 cusecs
Outflow	:	400 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,856.12 feet
Inflow	:	310 cusecs
Outflow	:	50 cusecs

Highway dacoity: Two arrested

Rs. 2,000 cash recovered, car seized

Hunsur, Jan. 16 (Raghu&KS)- Bilikere Police, have arrested two members of a dacoit gang, who had robbed a truck river of Rs. 10,000 cash and a mobile phone before fleeing with the truck keys on Jan. 5 night. The accused were produced before a Court, which remanded them to judicial custody.

On Jan. 5, the truck (KL-14-Y-6399), carrying iron from a company in Hunsur, left Hunsur at 12 noon and was proceeding towards Koothupuram in Kerala. When the truck passed Bilikere at about 10.45 pm, a gang of five persons, who came in a car from Mysuru side, waylaid the truck, assaulted the truck driver and snatched Rs. 10,000 cash and his mobile phone. The gang also took away the truck keys before fleeing from the spot.

The truck driver, who managed to reach Bilikere Police Station at about 2.45 am on Jan. 6, lodged a complaint and also informed the Police that the gang members were speaking in Kannada and also gave the car's registration number as KA-41-C-5387.

Based on the complaint, Bilikere Police, who registered a case, began their investigation and based on the information, left for Bengaluru and two gang members.

They also recovered Rs. 2,000 cash and seized the car used for the crime. The Cops have launched a hunt to nab the absconding gang members.

Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Shivakumar and Hunsur Sub-Division Dy.SP M. Raviprasad guided Inspector M. Ravikumar, Sub-Inspector Shivamanju and staff Mithrakumar, C.E. Ravikumar, Ravi and B.P. Ravi in the nabbing and seizing operation.

Retired teacher's gold chain snatched in broad daylight

Residents hand over mobile phone of miscreant to Police which fell while fleeing

Mysuru, Jan. 16 (KS)- Miscreants have snatched a gold chain of a 60-year-old retired teacher at Ramakrishna Nagar on Friday afternoon. But as luck was not in favour of the miscreants, the mobile phone of one of the chain snatchers fell down while fleeing and the residents have handed over the same to the Police, who are making all efforts to trace and nab the chain snatchers.

The retired teacher, who lost her gold chain is Geetha, a resident of Ramakrishna Nagar, near Ganapathi Temple. She was walking towards her home from Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Circle and was being followed by two miscreants on their bike. The pillion rider got down on the road behind MUDA Complex, while the rider went ahead and stopped the scooter at a distance.

The pillion rider, who kept following the elderly lady, managed to snatch her gold chain and fled towards the waiting scooter and the miscreants sped away from the spot. As the miscreants fled after snatching the gold chain, his mobile phone, which was in his pant pocket fell down and the residents, who picked up the phone has handed over the same to Kuvempunagar Police, who have registered a case.

The chain snatching incident has been captured by CCTV cameras which have been installed in front of a few houses and the Cops have collected the CCTV footages and are examining them.

As the Police have the mobile phone of one of the miscreants, it is sure that the miscreants will be nabbed soon.

Obituary

Mary Ambrose

Mysuru, Jan. 16- Mary Ambrose (81), wife of P.G. Ambrose and a resident of Ramakrishna Nagar, passed away on Saturday.

She leaves behind daughters Usha Ambrose and Shaila Stevan, son Joy Ambrose, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral was held today at the CSI Cemetery on Mahadevapura Road in Gandhinagar.

Rangamma

Rangamma (Mogamma), wife of late V. Sreenivasaiah and a resident of Kuvempunagar, near Shanthi Sagar Complex, passed away yesterday night in city. She was 85.

She leaves behind four daughters, one son and a host of relatives.

Her one more daughter and son had predeceased her. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Aameera Khatoon

Aameera Khatoon (68), wife of late Prof. Mohammad Kaleem Shaheen and a resident of Udayagiri, passed away on Jan. 14 in city.

She leaves behind two daughters, one son, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held yesterday at Masjid-e-Siddiq at Siddiqui Nagar, Bannimantap 'B' Layout, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Hobamma

T. Narasipur: Hobamma (85), wife of C. Puttamadegowda and a resident of Hanumanalu village, Bannur Hobli, in the taluk, passed away on Friday at the village.

She leaves behind son K.P. Kumaraswamy, a senior advocate at Mysuru and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at her native place.

Mala Nanjundaswamy

Chamarajanagar: Mala Nanjundaswamy (68), wife of retired Police Sub-Inspector Nanjundaswamy and a resident of Chandakawadi Village in the taluk, passed away on Friday afternoon, following brief illness.

She leaves behind her husband, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chandakawadi yesterday.

Alleged harassment from wife and her lover

Man kills son, commits suicide

Nagamangala, Jan. 16 (KS)- A man, unable to bear the harassment from his wife and her lover, killed his son by drowning him in the lake and later committed suicide by jumping into the same lake at Pittekoppal village at Bindiganavile hobli in the taluk.

Gangadhar

The deceased have been identified as Gangadhar (34) and his son Jasvith (7). Before ending his life, Gangadhar, who wrote a death note in a book, took the photo of it on his mobile phone and sent the same on WhatsApp to his brother Manjunath, who is residing in Bengaluru.

In his death note, Gangadhar has stated that his wife Sindhu and her lover Nanjundegowda were harassing him a lot and unable to bear the harassment he had killed his son and was ending his life too.

On Thursday night, Gangadhar, who left the house along with his son on his bike, did not return and on Jan. 14 morning, villagers found his bike parked near the village lake and informed the Police. Meanwhile, Manjunath, who saw his brother Gangadhar's death note sent to his WhatsApp also informed the Police and the Cops, with the help of expert divers conducted a search operation in the lake, fished out the bodies of Gangadhar and his son Jasvith.

It is learnt that Gangadhar, who came to know about his wife's affair with Nanjundegowda had advised her to mend her ways but his wife and Nanjundegowda began to harass him continuously resulting in him getting depressed.

Based on the death note of Gangadhar, Manjunath has lodged a complaint at Bindiganavile Police Station and Sub-Inspector Sridhar, who has registered a case, is investigating.

Mekedatu reservoir project disastrous: Medha Patkar

Big projects always in favour of politicians, investors and contractors, not common man

Bengaluru, Jan. 16 (UNI & Agencies)- Social activist Medha Patkar has expressed concern that the proposed Mekedatu balancing reservoir project could seriously affect biodiversity as well as River Cauvery.

Patkar, who was in Bengaluru to take part in a programme organised by the Karnataka Nela Jala Parisara Rakshana Samithi on Friday, told a press conference that the Government should shelve the Mekedatu project in the interest of environment as well as stakeholders like the Adivasis (tribals).

"Environmental clearance for the project has not yet been given. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) was prepared, but whatever conditions were laid down before giving clearances based on the terms of reference by an expert committee of the Environment Ministry, have not been fulfilled. The Cauvery Water Management Authority also has to give its nod under the 2007 award by the Tribunal. All sanctions are pending, while people's sanction is the most necessary," she felt.

She appealed to Karnataka not to view the project from the prism of its inter-State dispute between the neighbouring Tamil Nadu alone. There were bigger issues involved such as sustainability, she observed.

She also expressed surprise that the Leader of Opposition in the Assembly, Siddharamaiah, whom she saw as pro-people, pushed for the implementation of the project without any dialogue. Patkar pointed out that in the US, over 1,000 dams have been decommissioned and pulled down to ensure that rivers flow naturally.

She said all the big dam projects were leading to destruction of the environment as well as rivers rather than helping people. She alleged that such big reservoir projects were always in favour of politicians, investors and contractors rather than the common people and environment.

International financial institutions would be keen to extend financial support to such mega projects as part of the conspiracy to establish control over natural resources of the countries and to set the stage ready for changing the policies in their favour, she alleged.

Speaking on the occasion, Kannada cine actor Chetan alleged that the Mekedatu project was nothing but a war by all the three major political parties in the State against the environment. He also maintained that the project was in favour of contractors.

Agitation will not win disputes: Gowda

Meanwhile, former PM H.D. Deve Gowda felt that inter-State water disputes cannot be won through political agitations. "I don't say that the Congress took out the *padayatra* for political reasons, but issues such as inter-State water disputes, cannot be settled in this way," he said.

He clarified that he never fought the Cauvery dispute out of the court, adding that the dispute is still pending before the court. "Will the court not deliver its judgement if Congress does not agitate?" he asked. He also felt that inter-State disputes cannot be won through stirs or beating of drums.

'Bommai Government will react to Patkar'

Reacting to Medha Patkar's observation on the Mekedatu project, KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar said the Congress will fight for implementation of the project for the benefit of the people and farmers and not for his personal interest.

He said the Basavaraj Bommai Government would answer all questions raised by Patkar. "The government is there to address their concerns. We are not in power," he said, pointing out that the real people who should have opposed the project were people from his taluk as they are losing their lands.

No two-wheelers on NICE Road from 10 pm to 5 am

Bengaluru, Jan. 16 (Agencies)- To put an end to frequent accidents involving two-wheelers on NICE Road, the management of the Nandi Economic Corridor Enterprises (NICE) Limited has decided to close the road for two-wheeler traffic between 10 pm and 5 am from Jan. 16.

This is being done in line with the directives of the Joint Commissioner of Traffic, Bengaluru, stated an official release.

A NICE official said, "While the circular bans two-wheelers only at nights until further orders, we are working towards making the rule a permanent one for safety reasons." According to Senior Traffic Police officials, the decision came after the road was seeing a rise in the number of accidents involving two-wheelers at night.

"The road is in the outskirts of the city and at night it is dangerous for two-wheelers. Four-wheelers and other heavy vehicles ply at a high speed on NICE Road and the safety of two-wheelers is important. Thus, we decided to ban two-wheelers," said the police.

Traffic Police officials also added that a few youths engage in stunts and racing on NICE Road and the ban will help avoid these. Senior Traffic Police officials from the area said, on an average, at least one case involving two-wheelers is reported almost every week. Traffic Police say the lack of adequate street lighting may be causing many of these accidents.

"Lack of adequate lighting on the road is one of the major contributors to accidents at night. But when we raised this issue, NICE pointed to guidelines of highways which don't stipulate street lights. The problem is NICE Road has large traffic volumes of trucks and mega carriers during the night, and drivers in these vehicles often cannot even see a two-wheeler on the road in the darkness. Many accidents have been caused because of this. To avoid this, we have directed the firm to bar two-wheelers at night," explained B.R. Ravikanthe Gowda, Joint Commissioner (Traffic), Bengaluru.

Traffic Police have also observed a few youths indulging in wheeling and racing on the highway, though more often than not, this occurs during the day. However, the road is not entirely free of the menace at night either, say the motorists.

'Natl. Education policy needs new methods of teaching'

Prof. N.S. Harinayarana, Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Mysore, speaking at the workshop on Friday.

Mysuru, Jan. 16 (RKB&DM)- Maintaining that we are moving towards a new path in educational sector, University of Mysore, Department of Library and Information Science Head Prof. N.S. Harinayarana said the new National Education Policy (NEP) has opened the floodgates of new opportunities.

He was speaking after inaugurating a UGC sponsored State-level Orientation workshop for teaching faculty at JSS Arts, Commerce and Science College on Ooty Road here on Friday.

Pointing out that we should look at new teaching methods for realising the concepts of NEP, Prof. Harinarayan observed that the country's progress is dependent on higher education. Noting that the Governments and Educational Institutions are striving for reaching optimum level of higher education, he said that the responsibility of sustaining our rich culture, rests on our teachers.

Earlier, College CEO Prof. B.V. Sambashivaiah, who delivered the key-note address, said that we are in an era of transformation, with the introduction of NEP. Pointing out that skill and need based education is the need of the hour, he said that such workshops will help our teaching faculty to improve their professionalism.

The workshop featured lecture sessions by subject experts.

College Principal Dr. H.C. Honnappa, IQAC Convenor Dr. N. Ragendra Prasad and Dr. M. Poornima were present.

KMF proposes to hike milk price by Rs. 3 a litre

Balachandra

Bengaluru, Jan. 16- In yet another shock to the common man, who is already reeling under soaring prices of essential commodities, the KMF (Karnataka Milk Federation) has sought to hike milk price by Rs. 3 a litre.

The general body of the KMF, headed by its Chairman and MLA Balachandra Jarkiholi, which met in Benglauru on Thursday, unanimously approved the proposal to hike the price of milk by Rs. 3 a litre.

Speaking to media persons after the meeting, Balachandra Jarkiholi, maintained that Nandini Milk, the flagship brand of KMF is the cheapest milk brand in the country.

Pointing out that the KMF is selling a litre of Nandini Milk at Rs. 37 a litre, he said that all Milk Producer Unions of the State have unanimously sought a revision in price, which has not been hiked for the past couple of years. Noting that the KMF will submit a fresh proposal to the Chief Minister in this regard, he said that the KMF is hopeful of getting approval for price hike.

The KMF Chairman further said that the Nandini Mega Food park at Belagavi is in full swing. The meeting also decided to market KMF's flavoured milk products produced at Hassan pet bottle plant, he added.

Sankranti Special: *Kichchuhaisuvudu*

Makara Sankranti was celebrated yesterday which marked the shift of the Sun into ever-lengthening days. At Siddalingapura, the festival was celebrated through the age-old tradition of 'kichchuhaisuvudu' (jumping over the fire) carried out near Eshwara Temple on the Highway. As part of the ritual, caparisoned cattle and sheep are made to jump over the fire set to hay stacks. This is done as people believe the heat of fire will kill all the germs on their body. The belief is also that it will prevent the animals from falling prey to foot and mouth disease. 'Kichchuhaisuvudu' was also carried out in Mysore Palace. *[Pics. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]*

50% private hospital beds reserved for COVID patients

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On Jan. 5, the Karnataka Government ordered the private hospitals and private medical colleges in the State to immediately reserve 50 percent of beds for COVID patients. The private hospitals were told to reserve and keep ready in ICU, ICU with ventilator, HDU/oxygenated beds for treatment of COVID-19 patients referred by the health authorities.

Mysuru bed data

According to the data provided by the private hospitals to the District Administration, there are 44 hospitals managed privately in Mysuru and as per the approval under the Karnataka Private Medical Establishments Act, there are 4,302 beds. Of them, there are 138 units of High-flow Nasal Oxygen (HFNO) used for adults hospitalised with acute respiratory failure, 881 oxygenated beds, 139 ventilator beds, 165 ICUs and 1,860 normal beds taking the total number of beds to 3,183.

As per the 50 percent rule, 69 HFNO, 401 oxygenated beds, 61 ventilator beds, 78 ICU beds and 836 normal beds will have to be handed over to the District Administration taking the total bed availability at private hospitals to 1,445.

As per the 75 percent rule, 103 HFNO, 660 oxygenated beds, 104 ventilator beds, 123 ICU beds and 1,395 normal beds will have to be handed over to the District Administration taking the total bed availability at private hospitals to 2,315.

The Government order said that by Jan. 7, 50 percent beds of each category — ICU, ICU with ventilator, HDU/oxygenated beds category and general beds of private hospitals — to be reserved for COVID-19 patients referred by the health authorities. The private Medical College hospitals will keep ready and reserve beds under each category up to 50 percent by Jan. 7 and up to 75 percent by Jan. 10.

Non-adherence to the orders by any private healthcare providers and medical colleges will be liable to proceed as per provisions of Disaster Management Act, 2005 and IPC sections, the order warned.

Triple riding on bike

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The bike was proceeding from Bogadi to Paduvarahalli and it collided with the car (KA-09-MC-8663) driven by one Impu near the turning at Thippaiah Circle. Rakshit was riding the bike, said the Police.

The youths were overspeeding and the Police said that the impact of the accident was such that the bike was flung up along with the youths and the machine crashed onto the ground.

Abhilash, who was sitting in the middle, died on the spot while Rakshit and Harsha were seriously injured.

Krishnaraja Traffic Inspector Manjunath and staff rushed to the spot and shifted Rakshit and Harsha to a private hospital where they are said to be out of danger. Abhilash's body has been shifted to MMC&RI mortuary for post-mortem.

Simple *Deepotsava* celebration at Srirangapatna

Srirangapatna, Jan. 16 (Vinay Karekura&KS)- As the grand annual 'Laksha Deepotsava' celebration of Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple here was cancelled this year in view of COVID pandemic, the celebration was held in a simple manner by lighting 1,000 earthen lamps in front of the Temple yesterday.

Pandavapura Assistant Commissioner B.C. Shivanandamurthy launched the 'Deepotsava' while Vedic Scholar Dr. Bhanuprakash Sharma performed special *puja* to *Utsava Murthy*.

A handful of devotees lighted the earthen lamps arranged in front of the Temple and heavy Police force was deployed to prevent crowding of people and later, *Sankranti pujas* were performed at the Temple.

Temple Chief Priest Vijayasarathi performed the traditional *puja* and only a few residents were present on the occasion.

Deserted streets now a weekend affair

Meat, fish sales dip in Mysuru but Srirangapatna markets see extra buyers

Mysuru, Jan.16 (VK,RKB,D-M&BCT)- The second-day of the 55-hour second weekend curfew of the new year enforced by the Government to check the spread of the third wave of COVID-19 pandemic, saw good public response as the Central Business district (CBD) wore a near-deserted look this morning.

Very few people and vehicles were found moving on the streets. The curfew which began at 10 pm on Friday (Jan.14), will end at 5 am on Monday (Jan.17). Though provision stores and other essential commodities shops and services were exempted from the curfew, most of the provision shops in the old Santhepet area remained shut as the shop owners were apprehensive of poor business.

Some shops closed for the day in the afternoon. Similar was the case in respect of Devaraja Market, Vani Vilas and Mandi Markets, where shops shut down in the afternoon after witnessing poor business.

Devaraja Market Tenants Association President Pailwan Mahadev told *Star of Mysore* this morning that barring a couple of days before Sankranti, most of the shop owners have reported a sharp fall in their business since then.

As far as non-essential shops, all of them in the CBD were closed. Though public transport was as usual, most KSRTC buses saw a lesser number of passengers for almost all routes, barring Bengaluru.

Meat sales record dip

Meanwhile, the sale of meat, chicken, fish etc., saw a dip and most vendors reported that they had only 50 percent of pre-COVID level sales. Pointing out that the sales were dull during the first weekend lockdown last week, the vendors said that they are witnessing a lesser number of people walking into their shops. However, meat and fish stalls in Srirangapatna were buzzing with activity as people rushed in droves to grab their share of meat. They travelled in vehicles early in the morning to avoid Police action. Many meat lovers were seen rushing to Srirangapatna, KRS, Belagola and surrounding villages that come under Mandya District to purchase meat and fish.

Only 206 of 10,300 hotel rooms booked

According to Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda, following the restrictions, barely two percent of the total rooms at hotels and lodges in the city have been booked from Friday to Sunday.

"There are 413 hotels with lodging facilities totalling 10,300 rooms. Of them barely two percent of the rooms (around 206) are occupied. It is also for the first time in the last six months between July 5, 2021 and Jan. 16, 2022 that the hospitality sector is witnessing poor bookings, he added.

Heavy rush for mutton, chicken and fish at KRS Santhe

COVID precautionary guidelines such as wearing of face mask and maintaining social distancing went for a toss at KRS Santhe this morning as hundreds of people thronged the Santhe venue (right in front of KRS Police Station) for purchase of mutton, chicken and fish. Ironically, weekend curfew is in force since Friday night till Monday morning and even Section 144 has been imposed in the entire district. Picture below shows people purchasing fish on the roadside near Paper Mill Circle, Belagola hobli, on KRS Road in Srirangapatna taluk. *[Pics. by Vinay Karekura]*

Book talk

An epic of new dimensions

By
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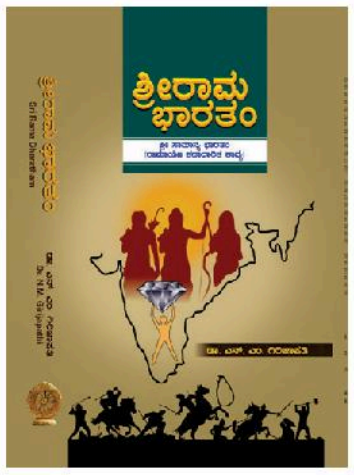


Prof. Chandrasekharaiah Dr. Girijapathi

Title: Srirama Bharatham
Author: Dr. N.M. Girijapathi
Year: 2021
Pages: 374
Price: Rs. 450
Publisher: Naimisha Publications, Mysuru

I heard in disbelief when Dr. N.M. Girijapathi first revealed that he has composed a narrative poem of epic proportions in Kannada based on the story of Sri Rama of Valmiki's Ramayana. My skepticism was actually the result of my ignorance of Girijapathi's profundity as a scholar and poet.

The title of the work persuades our conscience to recall Mahabharatha of Vyasa. I think he has titled his work deliberately and it is probably the first ever attempt to do so in Kannada. And so titling his ambitious work as *'Srirama Bharatham'* two epics of our land — Ramayana and Mahabharatha — he deals with two great documents unveiling our history, religion, philosophy, culture and people together with their authors' viewpoints as to the purpose of human existence in general.

Both Valmiki and Vyasa envisioned a life sublime for both the ruler and the ruled. They put forth such values and principles so that they stand out with examples and illustrations with an aim of retaining their relevance down the ages.

We need to study Girijapathi's work from this point of view for its clear understanding and appreciation. We need to reiterate 'that the guiding principle that prompts us to feel for others good' and well-being was the source of inspiration for Valmiki and similarly he denounced the negative value *'na adharmah'*.

It was Valmiki who visualised the concept of Ramarajya realised through his hero Sri Rama who has been hailed as a complete man and perfect ruler. And there is a deep suggestive meaning in Girijapathi titling his work *'Srirama Bharatham'* and his writing justifies this title in more ways than one.

It winds through ten chapters titled *Mahasamaya Swapna Sandesha, Seetha Mandodari Samvada, Vibheeshana Vachana, Hanuma Prathapa, Bharatha Vilapa, Ravana Vilapa, Bhuvana Vijaya, Janaki Vijayam* and *Sri Ramapattabandham*. The story being told is confined to *Poorva Ramayana* believed to be of Valmiki's authorship.

Girijapathi could have penned the work in greater detail bringing out the nuances of the story analytically. At the same time he might prefer this laconic approach keeping in mind the modern reader's apathy and complaint, 'no time to read much!'

The book is designed and conceived in the format of reminiscences of the past using the technique of 'flashback'. This technique minimises the narrative while maximising impact on the readers.

The book can be read in one sitting if one is determined to do so and it can be done without feeling fatigue or boredom. The readability is excellent. Its visual effect is comparable to that of having seen a good movie since the events or incidents in the story start unfolding in quick succession as they do in films.

Kannada here is emotive, intense and scholarly, rich in descriptive texture and musical if read aloud. Its success lies in such literary characteristics concretised in such a limited space. The author deserves our fullest admiration for having scripted such a splendid work wherein his love and devotion for Sri Rama has also found the fullest expression.

Dr. Girijapathi's work is a story told in 10 chapters and is unveiled in Kannada's most popular meter-free verse, in which the poet has remodeled it and named it as *'navothsaha ragale.'* The story begins in Lanka where both Rama and Ravana envision in their dreams before they confront each other in the battleground. It ends with the coronation of Rama in Ayodhya after the war with the end of Ravana. The two stand starkly contrasted representing two opposites — good and evil. Dr. Girijapathi's narrative skill offers a visual treat.

The book demands a multilayered study to understand and appreciate its profound impact on the readers. It is a welcome addition to the classical epic poems of modern times in Kannada.

As a powerful parallel to Sri Rama's character, Seetha engages as a woman of high virtues and determined to face her existential realities. Women in this work seem to have occupied better space in terms of being better understood and dealt with in fresh perspective and approach. The readers of Ramayana know that a single villainous act of Manthare was the root cause of all that happens in the life of Rama and Seetha. But taking into account the life of Manthare's mother and the circumstance of her birth, Girijapathi justifies that springs a surprise in the portrayal of her character.

Manthare describes herself as not Manthare, but 'Manvanthare' harbinger of a new age. This sounds quite ominous, or shall we say prophetic? Dr. Girijapathi's treatment of Manthare's character as an instrument of change is both convincing and suggestive.

About Dr. N. M. Girijapathi

Dr. Girijapathi is quite well-known among the contemporary writers in Kannada. He is famous as poet, short story writer, folklorist, playwright, essayist, and also translator. His research papers have been acclaimed as authentic and his contribution to other forms of literature is termed by many as significant.

Awards and recognitions have come to him in good numbers unsolicited, a fact to be noted in these days when people, though not all, are running after honours and awards. In this respect Dr. Girijapathi is a rare kind of poet, unassuming and unpretentious.

He hails from Ramasagara village in Ballari. He was born on Dec. 17, 1966 to Somashekhara Swamy and Vishalakshamma. He completed Ph.D in vachana literature. He currently works as an Assistant Professor in Kannada in a private college.

MLA launches developmental works in KR Constituency

Mysuru, Jan. 16 (RKB&KS)- MLA S.A. Ramdas launched various developmental works at MCC Ward No. 51 coming under his Krishnaraja (KR) Constituency on Thursday.

There are 19 Wards coming under KR Constituency and the MLA also launched road patch works at a cost of Rs. 10 lakh for each Ward on the occasion.

Works and cost

The MLA performed *guddali puja* for road asphalting works at a cost of Rs. 13 lakh at Kempananjamma Agrahara and Shankar Mutt Road 3rd Cross, patch works to fill potholes on Ramanuja Road 4th Cross and laying of inter-locking tiles to the footpath on Ramanuja Road 1st Cross.

Speaking on the occasion, Ramdas said that following MLC elections, these works were not taken up and hence the development works were launched now.

Pointing out that road patch works at a cost of Rs. 10 lakh for each Ward have commenced from Ward No. 51, MLA Ramdas said that even works for laying inter-locking tiles has also been launched. Works to make roads safer in the Constituency is on the anvil and would be launched next month, he added.

Corporator B.V. Manjunath, KR Constituency BJP Vice-President Santosh Shambu, Ward President Gururaj Shenoy, Ashraya Samithi member Hemanth, Santosh, Nishanth, Venkatesh, Mahesh, Ward Engineer Santosh, Zonal Developmental Officer Shusrutha and others were present.

No padayatras or rallies during COVID: HC

Bengaluru, Jan. 16 (UNI) - A Division Bench of the Karnataka High Court (HC) on Friday directed the Government to restrict rallies and political gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A Division Bench of Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi and Justice Suraj Govindaraj said the Mekedatu *padayatra* of the Congress has been temporarily suspended and the Government should strictly follow its standard operating procedure in all districts.

The Congress had organised the *padayatra* from Jan. 9 seeking early implementation of the Mekedatu project.

Petitioner A.V. Nagendra Prasad said the Congress *padayatra* had come amid a huge spike of COVID cases.

The PIL sought a direction to the Government not to allow political rallies and protests.

On Wednesday, the Court flayed the Congress and the Government for a rally held by the former at Mekedatu.

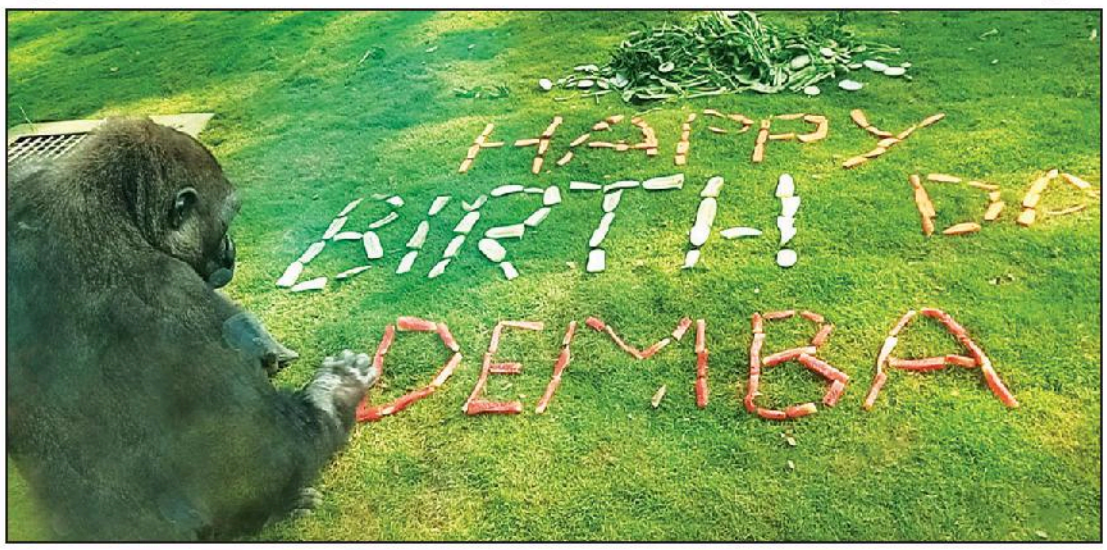
Corporator distributes pension certificates

MCC Ward No. 6 Corporator S.B.M. Manju, who got the old age and widow pensions approved, is seen distributing the pension certificates to the beneficiaries at his Office in Gokulam recently. Residents Arun, Spatika, Hanumanthu, Ganesh and others were present.

Sand-laden tipper topples on Ring Road

A M-sand-laden tipper (KA-11-B-4905) from Mandya, which was proceeding on the Ring Road near J.P. Nagar, toppled last night spilling the sand on the road. The tipper driver, who summoned a crane and an earth excavating machine to the spot, got the vehicle removed from the road this morning, it is learnt. As weekend curfew is in force since Friday 10 pm, vehicular traffic on the Ring Road was less last night and no loss of life or injuries has been reported.

Mysuru Zoo celebrates gorilla Demba's 9th birthday



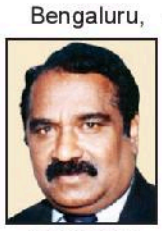
Mysuru, Jan. 16 (SSM)- Mysuru Zoo celebrated the 9th birthday of gorilla Demba on Friday. This was his first birthday celebration in India after being brought to Mysuru Zoo in August 2021 along with his elder brother Thabo - 14, from Germany through EAZA (European Association of Zoos and Aquaria) under the EEP (European Endangered Species Programme).

They were brought to the Zoo seven years after the country's only gorilla, listed as one of the world's critically-endangered species, Polo, died in 2014 at the Zoo. Polo was a gift to the Mysuru Zoo by the Dublin Zoo in the year 1995.

The officials used Demba's favourite vegetables to write 'Happy Birthday Demba' on the ground to make it special for him.

Mysuru Zoo authorities have continued the tradition of celebrating Demba's birthday on the lines of European Zoo authorities. In a video shared by the Zoo on social media platforms, Demba was seen enjoying the vegetables while visitors clicked photos on their mobile phones.

Former Chief Secretary & Ex-Minister J. Alexander passes away



Alexander

Bengaluru, Jan.16- Former Chief Secretary and ex-Minister J. Alexander passed away in Bengaluru on Friday following brief illness. He was 83 and leaves behind two children and a host of relatives and friends.

Alexander, a native of Kerala and a Karnataka cadre IAS officer, retired as Karnataka Chief Secretary and subsequently entered politics by joining Congress party. He was elected on a Congress ticket from the then Bharathinagar Assembly segment in Bengaluru city in 1999 and served as Tourism Minister in the S.M. Krishna Cabinet.

His last rites were performed at Bengaluru on Saturday.

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Complainant: T. V Raju and Another.

Versus

Opposite Parties: Pathak Developers and Others.

Opposite Party: SHRADDHA PATHAK @ SHRADDHA P, D/o. Jayaram Pathak, W/o Madhusudhan, Pathak Developers Private Limited. # 2997/2, Rukma Complex, Kalidasa Road, Mysuru- 570002. **..Opposite Party No.4** **9972530991**

M. SARAVANA, S/o Late Sri. Mr. A. Mani, Aged about 44 years, Residing at No.855, 14th Cross, 8th Main, Saraswathipuram, Chamaraja Mohalla, Mysuru. **Opposite Party No.5**

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BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/- Assistant Registrar cum Assistant Administrative Officer, District Forum, MYSORE

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WORD OF THE DAY

Nostrum

Pronunciation: NAHSS-trum.
Meaning: A usually questionable remedy or scheme : panacea.
Origin: "Whether there was real efficacy in these nostrums, and whether their author himself had faith in them, is more than can safely be said," wrote 19th-century American writer Nathaniel Hawthorne, "but, at all events, the public believed in them." The word nostrum has often been linked to quack medicine and false hopes for miracle cures, but there's nothing deceitful about its etymology. It has been a part of English since at least the early 17th century, and it comes from the Latin noster, meaning "our" or "ours." Some think that specially prepared medicinal concoctions came to be called nostrums because their purveyors marketed them as "our own" remedy. In other words, the use of nostrum emphasized that such a potion was unique or exclusive to the pitchman peddling it.
Example: Critics argue that the mayor's plan to revitalize the downtown area by offering tax breaks to businesses is a costly and ineffective nostrum. "People are seeking reassurance from homespun investment advice, like the old nostrum that the percentage of stocks in your portfolio should be equal to 100 minus your age, come what may." — Robert J. Shiller

THE ODD WORD

Napoo

To destroy; to kill.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Nothing to sneeze at

Meaning: Something that is not an inconsequential matter, not a trifling thing.
Origin: In the 17th century, sneezing was considered a symbol of status as people believed it cleared their head and stimulated their brain. Soon sneezing at will became a way to show one's disapproval, lack of interest and boredom. The first recorded use of the phrase in its current negative form, was in 1799, in a play by John Till Allingham: 'Fortune's Frolic': "Why, as to his consent I don't value it a button; but then £5000 is a sum not to be sneezed at."
Example: "When Daniel was chosen to be valedictorian, he was so proud, because the honor of being chosen to represent your entire class is nothing to sneeze at."

QUOTE BOX

For any creative thought to be contagious, it must first be worthy of a sneeze. — **Ryan Lilly**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Reduction.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Indian Medical Association, acronym?
4 A very strong wind
8 Turn a new one to make a fresh start?
12 Make lace either way ?
13 Extinct ox
14 Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee
15 Takes out by an operation
17 Tattered clothing
18 Legally underage?
19 Counting-out starter
21 An East Indian shrub
23 Capital of France's Loire-Atlantique department
27 Everlasting
31 Character from Greek mythology
32 Random Access Memory
33 On ___ : being tested?
35 Aunt in Spanish
36 Flavouring agent
38 Soon or shortly, poetically speaking?
40 One or the other
42 Old Tokyo
43 The Biblical Garden
45 Members of English nobility
49 Sudden misfortune
52 Undermine
54 Dissolute man
55 Enough in old English?
56 Large, abbr.
57 Foul smelling
58 Urban area
59 Psychic power

FRIDAY'S ANSWER

B	O	A	Z	■	R	C	M	P	■	S	D	I	
A	R	L	O	■	M	O	R	E	■	O	U	T	
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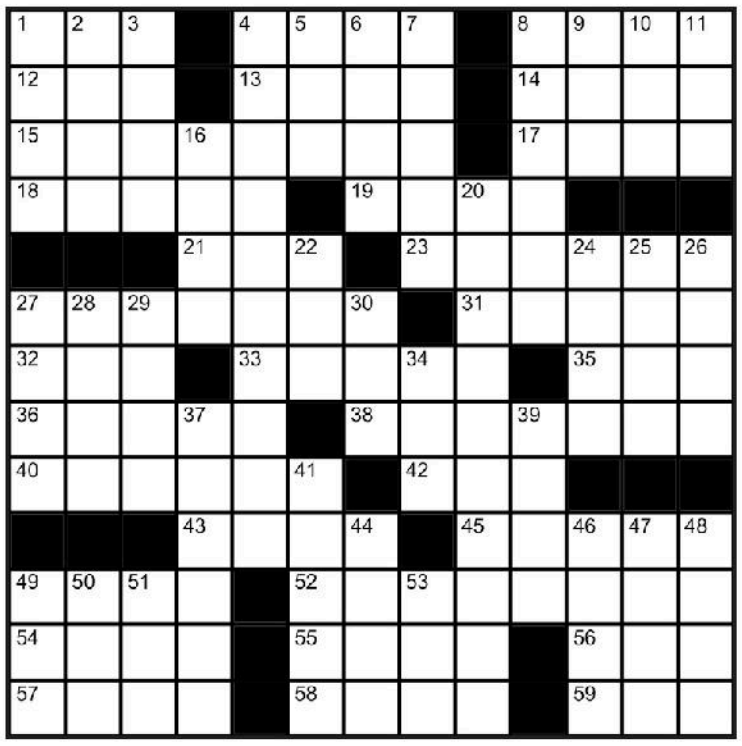
A	N	G	■	E	R	F	I	■	F	K	E	S	

DOWN
1 Bit of news
2 Kind of skirt - not a "mini"?
3 Memo starter
4 Assured
5 Curved line
6 Stringed instrument
7 City of the Ruhr
8 Voice box
9 Electronic Industries Assoc.
10 Hindi movie of days gone by - fire in Hindi?
11 Flight Control Sys.
16 Crowd sound
20 Got or compelled to make a definite, unequivocal statement? (6,4)
22 Tutelary god in ancient Rome
24 Partisan commander of erstwhile Yugoslavia
25 English batsman ___ Morgan
26 Hitch
27 Irish
28 "A tip" anagram for Indian river ?
29 Send forth
30 An inaccurate or false statement
34 `Were' in the present tense
37 Masticated
39 Rough person
41 Adjust again - "steer" anagram?
44 Billionth as a prefix
46 Curly cabbage
47 Birds lay them
48 Leak through
49 Brother, in short
50 Laughing out loud, acronym ?
51 Alsace assent
53 Pertaining to the forward part of a vessel



SUDOKU

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		9		7		3		
6						4		
	5						7	
		1						9
		5		6		8		
3		6	1					
9					2		5	6

Answer to previous puzzle

9	7	8	6	3	5	2	1	4
6	4	5	8	2	1	7	3	9
3	2	1	7	9	4	8	5	6
4	1	3	2	5	8	9	6	7
7	9	6	1	4	3	5	2	8
8	5	2	9	7	6	1	4	3
1	8	4	5	6	9	3	7	2
2	3	9	4	1	7	6	8	5
5	6	7	3	8	2	4	9	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

DS OR COAR DS UVAA ARVFHWR VTDRAAVMRTDAN VF

DER ACFD KWSXHPD SU PVGVAVICDVST, CTX CD KWRFRTD

GRWN URQ KRSKAR ECGR WRCPERX DEVF ARGRA.

TODAY'S CLUE: K EQUALS P

Friday's Cryptoquip: You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself one.

CRICKET TALK

By V.N. Prasad

Proteas drub top ranked India to humiliating Test series defeat 2-1

Heartiest congratulations to the young Proteas who gathered all their might to register a 2-1 victory over the favourites, India. It was monumental effort in all departments of the game; turning the result into a 'Nightmare' for Indians; bruising their ego beyond belief; a shameful disposition considering the expectations; not only in India but also across the world.

Kudos to KG Rabada, Player of the Series, on scalping 20 in 3 Tests and to Keegan Petersen, Man of the Match, who aggregated 276 at 46. Hats off to skipper Elgar for the foundations laid and to VD Dussen and the stylish shortie T. Bavuma (reminding us of Gus Logie) who anchored magnificently. Young Marco Jansen with 19 scalps was also lethal.

All discerning cricket enthusiasts will surely agree with me that it was a 'Self Inflicted' humiliation than one imposed by the Proteas. Mohinder Amarnath said long ago that the team selectors are a 'Bunch of Jokers'. It was not different here.

I am sorry. Cricketing brains of the selectors fell terribly short of fundamentals in picking failed duo in Ajinkya Rahane (Ave 23) and Cheteshwar Pujara (Ave 21). Resting on their laurels and benching young upcoming talents has not only proven disastrous but also criminal; for you have frustrated them because you lacked elementary cricketing brains. Likes of Shreyas Iyer, Hanuma Vihari, Suryakumar Yadav will be cursing the selectors under their breath and rightly so. In 2016, they killed Karun Nair after he scored a triple century against the English. No surprise if others are consigned to the same fate. I wonder if it is 'Indian Mentality' to oppress/frustrate talents.

It sounds bizarre to think or say that our opening pair is a "Set One". Sporadic performances do not establish character. Both KLR and Mayank proved terribly inconsistent. Knowing well that the middle order lacks the spine they had the responsibility to dig in and play long innings.

It was well-known that the tracks in SA are hard and bouncy. Our bowlers extracted as much flesh as their bowlers did. But, they got better nip off the track that skittled our batsmen though names of our batsmen on paper appeared strong.

Well, earlier teams — Hashim Amla, Markram, A.B. De Villiers, Jacques Kallis, Mark Boucher, Herschelle Gibbs, J. P. Duminy, Shaun Pollock, Dale Steyn, Morkel — could make skeletons shiver in teams across board. But, the current ones — barring Dean Elgar, KG Rabada, Lungi Ngidi and to an extent K. Maharaj — were unknown but yet pulled off convincing victories at the Wanderers and Newlands.

In summary, we enjoyed great cricket by the Proteas. Thank you guys for the great entertainment. All our bowlers excelled with the Cherry. Sorry guys. Our Batsmen let you down. Hope our boys will fare well in the ODIs. Best to them.

Surya Namaskar performed globally

The AYUSH Ministry observed 'Surya Namaskar for Vitality' on Friday in which more than one crore people from across the world, including India, performed the 'yogasanas' to keep themselves safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. On the occasion, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES)- Mysuru Assistant Director K. Suresh launched the Mass Surya Namaskar event at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in city on Jan. 14 organised by the The Central and State Governments, in association with the District Administration, Zilla Panchayat, DYES, Department of Information & Public Relations, AYUSH and Kannada & Culture Department, as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. Over 200 students took part in the event which was held in the presence of AYUSH Department Dy. Director Dr. Seethalakshmi, Kannada & Cultrue Asst. Director H. Channappa, Patanjali Yoga Shikshana Trainer Srinivas Naidu and others. *[Pic. by Pragathi Gopalkrishna]*

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Tomorrow's Matches (JAN. 17)

Puneri Paltan Vs UP Yoddha	7.30 pm
Telugu Titans Vs Bengal Warriors	8.30 pm

Yesterday's Results

Haryana Steelers	25
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Dabang Delhi	28
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Telugu Titans	33
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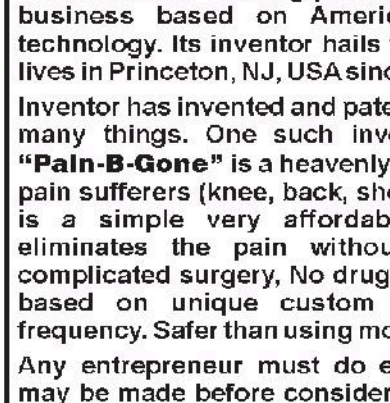

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